

Sample Course Description

Faculty of Social Sciences

Study program: Language and Literature

Course Title: History of Linguistics

Course Credits: 5 ECTS

Language of Instruction: Albanian

Course Description: This aim of this course is to deepen the theoretical background of students, to make a history of the development of linguistic from ancient times and to continue with linguistic achievements throughout the centuries. Students will be able to understand linguistic evolution in specific periods, to identify the methodological approaches of different linguistic directions and of particular scholars, starting from Antiquity to the 19th century XXI.

Course Goals: Upon the completion of the course, students should be able to:

- study the history of linguistic studies starting with the earliest linguistic theories;
- interpret linguistic thesis of Swiss linguist, F. De Saussure;
- know European and American structural schools to reach the linguistic patterns of Chomsky and new approaches to the last century XXI century.

Course Requirements: During this course, students must be active during the seminar sessions with discussions (10 points), must undergo a partial control (15 points) and must prepare a course assignment (15 points).

Grading: Written Exam 60 %, Coursework 40 %.

Course Schedule: Course frequency is 75%.

During this course students have opportunities to know about the:

Linguistic thought in Ancient India, Ancient Greece and Rome.

The development of linguistic thought in the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

Historical and comparative linguistics of the 19th century's.

Saussurean linguistics.

Structuralism in linguistics. Linguistic School of Prague, London and Danish School of Copenhagen.

American linguistics: F. Boas, E. Sepir and their theory.

N. Chomsky. Transformational and generative grammar.

Universal languages etc.